



MGSOC Board Meeting Minutes: January 24, 2022

Online meeting

Executive Board Officers:

Present: L. Propst, J. Fromm, S. Bolle, D. Foster

Absent: J. VanDerAue

Committee Chairs:

Present: A. Koran, C. Roney, B. Peters, J. Bird, S. Williams, J. Grissom

Absent: D. Brown, M. Truza, K. Sobanski

Others Present:

E. Ersher

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

PRESIDENT:

Lucy Propst reported:

- L. Propst reviewed the MGSOC 2022 budget:
 1. Reviewed all the potential MGSOC Conference expenses and income for 2022.
 2. Trips & Tours has a prepaid bus expense from 2019 (account #6360). S. Williams will contact the bus company to obtain a contract showing our prepaid monies. D. Foster and E. Ersher will decide how to reflect this on the budget.
 3. Bowers Farm (account #23200) will remain the same.
 4. Grants & Scholarship (account #23400) will be reduced.
 5. Beautiful Savior Landscaping (account #63150) will remain the same.
 6. Speakers (account #6364) will increase which will include Zoom expenses.
 7. Membership expenses will be \$10.00 (account #6420).
 8. E. Ersher will investigate Bank Fee (account #6520).
 9. Accounting Fees (account #6531) budget needs to be determined and if it includes the bookkeeping fees.
 10. Legal Fees (account #6532) will be \$0.00.
 11. Outside Contract Services (account #6533) funds needs to be changed to Website (account #6580).



12. Insurance (account #6550) stays the same.
13. Postage (account #6565) needs to be determined. S. Bolle will research using a smaller P.O. Box with a reduced price.
14. Ask My Accountant (account #800000) needs to be figured out (account used by bookkeeping for monies unaccounted for).
15. Development needs to send in budget.
16. Website (account #6581 & 6580) S. Bolle to determine budget numbers.
17. Membership dues (account #4501) were projected.
18. Meeting Expenses – Other (account #63600) for 2021 was discussed. E. Ersher will find out what this includes. 2022 budget undetermined yet.
19. Account #6361 Hospitality will stay the same.
20. The donation to Troy Choir needs to be accounted for.

SECRETARY: Julie Fromm reported:

- **S. Bolle made a motion to approve the November 15, 2021, MGSOC board meeting minutes. B. Peters seconded this motion. Motion carried.**

FINANCE: Dianah Foster reported:

- The 5/3 checking account balances for the primary elite checking and the secondary elite checking (used for PayPal deposits) were reported.
- The Flourish account balance with accumulated interest and the YTD interest were reported.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT: S. Bolle reported:

- Nothing new to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2022 MG CONFERENCE:

Betty Peters reported:

- B. Peters reported the 2022 MGSOC Conference will be virtual with Orion TV producing again on 04/30/2022. Registration will begin 02/02/2022 using Eventbrite. The conference will be recorded and available for two weeks to ticket holders. Tickets are \$50.00.
- This year's speakers will include David Culp "The Layered Garden", Kerry Ann Mendez "Hydrangeas Demystified, Great Hydrangeas Plus Tips for Exceptional Flowering",



Shawna Coronado “Grow Up! Elevate Your Garden Beds and Stop Being a Pain in Your Neck”, and Meredith Simpson & Richard Thomas “Oudolf Garden Detroit”.

- Piechnik’s Garden Gate and Proven Winners Color Choice will be sponsors this year.
- 300 tickets sold is the goal.

FUNDRAISING:

Denise Brown absent:

- Nothing new to report.

HOSPITALITY:

Kathy Sobanski absent:

- Nothing new to report.

DOOR PRIZE COORDINATOR:

Janie Grissom reported:

- Nothing new to report.

EDUCATION:

Amanda Koran reported:

- A. Koran discussed her list of 2022 MGOC General Meeting speakers.
- Sally will contact Piechniks to see if they are interested in being a virtual speaker.
- A. Koran is confirming a few speaker dates.

MEMBERSHIP/ELECTIONS:

Julie Bird reported:

- Someone will contact J. VanDerAue to ask if he is still interested in the position as advisory to the president. If not, we should delete this position until further need.
- J. Bird reported on the new membership applications for 2022 and the best means to confirm applicants’ MSUE status.
- J. Bird will send S. Bolle what she is requesting to be sent with the MGSOC membership application.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

Cecily Roney reported:

- Nothing new to report.

BOWERS FARM:

Sally Bolle reported:

- Nothing new to report.

BSLC RENOVATIONS:

Margy Truza absent:

- Nothing new to report.



GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS:

Julie Fromm reported:

- J. Fromm will be reviewing all applications and will report on this at our board meetings for review.
- L. Propst asked A. Koran to announce at our next general meeting that applications are being accepted for grants and scholarships.

TRIPS & TOURS:

Sue Williams reported:

- S. Williams led a discussion of whether we could safely have a bus trip for 2022.
- S. Williams agreed to send out a notification of a bus trip in 2023 including the exciting news of the Longwood Garden renovations. S. Bolle agreed to send this information out to the membership once she receives it from S. Williams.
- L. Propst asked S. Williams to investigate a potential membership day trip to the Oudolf Garden in Detroit.
- L. Propst asked S. Bolle to investigate having a general membership meeting at Bowers Farm.

Marketing & Communications:

Sally Bolle reported:

- S. Bolle will be adding the Grant and Scholarship information to the website and will be sending an Eblast to the general membership including J. Fromm's contact information and deadlines.

OLD BUSINESS:

- No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- No new business

Motion: Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Required hours: 2.0.

Next Meeting: March 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Skype

- All reports are available from the Secretary. Requests must be made in writing. These minutes will be posted on our website, but without financial information. They may also be edited for content.
- Website: www.mgsoc.org.